

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Good Evening and welcome to the virtual meeting of the Frederick County Council. Today is Tuesday, October 27, 2020, today is a workshop day for the County Council.

The Frederick County Council is still conducting our meetings on-line during this time and this may continue for the foreseeable future due to concerns about the spread of the COVID virus.

Our meetings continue to be televised on Frederick County Government Channel 19, on Frederick County Government's website: www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV, and as long as we continue to meet virtually, we will be using a software program which allows the public to watch and participate in our meetings. Please go to www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings in order to watch us on that format.

You may still send us comments via email at (Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov), or by calling (301) 600-1135 and leaving a voicemail message. Or using our new format, you may call toll free 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 8365 to record your comments. As always, all comments received will be reflected in the minutes.

As a reminder during these virtual meetings, I will periodically stop to allow the members to ask any questions they might have on the issue being discussed...calling the council members by name to make sure the public is aware of which member has the floor.

As a continued caution to our Council Members – Please be respectful of each other's time and wait to be recognized before you begin to speak. Remember the microphone issue and please limit your questions to one at a time. I will continue to circle back until all questions appear to be answered.

To begin our meeting, the President started with a roll call vote to determine a quorum, since not everyone was visible on the screen. Members present responded "here".

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CM Blue, Dacey, Donald, Fitzwater, Hagen, and McKay. The President conducted a roll call of the members. All seven (7) council members responded in the affirmative.

The President then lead a moment of silence to remember those who were working so hard to contain the deadly disease, all those working on the front lines, the doctors, nurses, hospital staff, the emergency responders, the families and friends of those who have been sickened and were fighting for their lives, and unfortunately those who have lost their battle and have died..

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Frederick County Legislative Package for the 2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

Joy Schaefer, Director, Government Affairs, Office of the County Executive, presented information to the Council on the Frederick County Legislative Package for the 2021 Maryland General Assembly Session.

Council Member Phil Dacey moved to pull the Public Information Act, Salaries and Wages of Public Employees from the Legislative Package for discussion purposes. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 5-2.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald		X	
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer		X	

Council Member Steve McKay moved to support inclusion in the 2021 Frederick County Legislative Considerations the proposed legislation on Protecting Public Employees Information of the Public Information Act, Salaries and Wages of Public Employees. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 5-2.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey		X	

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At-large – Hagen		X	
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Council Member Phil Dacey moved to pull the Kirwin Commission Recommendation from the Legislative Package for discussion purposes—for Support. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 4-3.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald		X	
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater		X	
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer		X	

Council Member Steve McKay moved that the Council Support the Executives Position Statement on Education Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 6-1.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey		X	
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Council Member Steve McKay moved Council Support of the 2021 Legislative Considerations for the Frederick County Government. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
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Council took a break from 7:03 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Frederick County Personnel Rules

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater, Sophia Dobransky, Deputy Director, Human Resources and Wayne Howard, Division Director, Human Resources presented information to the Council on the Frederick County Personnel Rules.

Final Council Discussion and Decision on Membership and Process Establishing Compensation Review Commission

Council Members held the final discussion and decision on Membership and Process Establishing Compensation Review Commission.

Public comment was heard from:

- Mary Posey

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council